

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0049] A method for distributing and utilizing software is provided. In the method of distribution, a software application is provided on a hardware device by a manufacturer of the software application, wherein the software application is executable on the hardware device. The hardware device is enclosed within a box and distributed. The manufacturer provides continued services for the software application, wherein the hardware device is connectable between at least one end user's computer and the manufacturer. The hardware device is adapted to provide the continued services via a communication link between the hardware device and the manufacturer.